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### Representative Hal Rogers Speaking at National PDMP Meeting

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US Congressman Harold Rogers has accepted the Alliance's invitation to be the Keynote speaker at the 5th National PDMP Meeting.

Congressman Rogers was elected to Congress in 1980 and is currently serving his 15<sup>th</sup> term in the House of Representatives.

Congressman Rogers has long been a supporter of our work in prescription

monitoring. The Alliance greatly appreciates Congressman Rogers' support of PDMP's and looks forward to his attendance at the National PDMP Meeting.

The Alliance and Brandeis University in cooperation with BJA are hosting the National PDMP Meeting scheduled for September 24-25, 2009 at the Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Registration forms and a preliminary agenda will be sent out in the later part of July.



**5<sup>th</sup> National Harold Rogers PDMP Meeting**  
**September 24-25, 2009**  
**Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel**  
**Washington D.C.**

### Regional Meetings Were a Huge Success

The Alliance in partnership with Brandeis University and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) hosted four regional meetings this spring. Each region had a committee, made up of Alliance members that planned and helped host the meeting.

All four meetings provided valuable information as well as great discussion and networking which is so vital as prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) continue to grow.

Key topics presented included: an update from BJA, a presentation

on the PMIX Phase III Project, analysis of the BJA/ PDMP Performance Measures, an overview of the new Training and Technical Assistance Program, and a panel discussion on Data Accuracy.

Each region was well represented by not only states with PMPs but by states that currently have no PDMP legislation in place.

Several states attending the regional meetings have never been to an Alliance meeting. These

states included North Dakota, South Dakota, Maryland, and Minnesota.

The Alliance and Brandeis would like to thank its members and other participants for making our regional meetings well attended and successful.

We would also like to thank our committee members for all their hard work. We are hoping to host additional regional meetings.

## Alliance Website Update

[www.pmpalliance.org](http://www.pmpalliance.org)

Information that was previously on the NASCSA website will be moved to the Alliance website.

The Alliance would like to thank NASCSA and Bill Ward for having hosted and maintained our website.

The Alliance and Brandeis University have been working diligently since the early part of this year to create a new website.

This will be the new web presence for the Alliance and serve as the portal for the Training and Technical Assistance Center.

A website development firm has been contracted to develop the site and already

has created a proposed logo and web design.

The first release of the website is scheduled for August 2009. Included in the first release will be: a section for Alliance information like membership, bylaws, annual meetings, and board members; a section for the Training and Technical Assistance center where PDMP staff can

request assistance; a news/events section for meetings, events, and important news releases; a set of available resources like the model act; and a page of related links for other partners, research/data, and more.

We will notify our members by email announcing the website release.

## NASPER Announcement / Feedback on Requirements

### The NASPER Grant application Announcement has been released.

The request for applications (RFA) is posted at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and on the SAMHSA website: [www.dpt.samhas.gov](http://www.dpt.samhas.gov). The due date for applications is July 27, 2009. The Alliance, at the request of SAMHSA, sent emails to all 50 states as well as Washington D.C. and Guam announcing the funding opportunity.

SAMHSA plans to announce NASPER grant awards before the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2009).

The Alliance provided comments on the proposed minimum requirements for state PMPs to be eligible for funding

under the National All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting Act (NASPER).

The proposed minimum requirements were published in the Federal Register on April 29, 2009. In preparing its comments, the Alliance asked its members to provide feedback regarding the proposed NASPER requirements.

The Alliance focused on four key areas: security, database access, information accuracy, and use and disclosure of the information. Important issues explored within these areas included authentication processes, ASAP standards, interstate data sharing and types of users of the information.

Copies of these comments were sent out to all Alliance members and contacts.

If you did not receive a copy and would like one please send an email to [assist@pmpalliance.org](mailto:assist@pmpalliance.org) or call the TTA line at 360-556-7152.

The Alliance will continue to monitor the progress with NASPER and provide our members with updates as we receive them.

## Indiana's PDMP Recognized by Governor

Josh Klatte (IN), Indiana's PDMP Program Manager, along with the entire Indiana PDMP team, were recipients of the 2009 Governor's Public Service Achievement Awards. The Award was given for their work and accomplishments with Indiana's PDMP program.

The Alliance congratulates Josh and the PDMP team on a job well done.

Excerpt from the Award Ceremony:

..."The Indiana Board of Pharmacy manages and runs the Indiana's Prescription

Monitoring Program known as INSPECT. The program seeks to curb prescription drug abuse and diversion through its PDMP. The program makes this information available to prescribers, dispensers and law enforcement via a highly advanced online software application. In 2006, the program processed approximately 40 reports for 500 users. Today, the program completes approximately 1,500 reports per day for more than 6,500 registered users.

In 2008 the INSPECT staff:

\*Registered 3,409 new users

\*Reduced the number of days from when a drug was dispensed to when it would be available for review on INSPECT by four days

\*Reduced pharmacy reporting noncompliance rate by 22 percent ..."



## Did You Know.....

**Florida became the 39<sup>th</sup> State to enact PMP legislation.** Florida's Governor Crist signed the PMP Bill on June 18th. The law went into effect on July 1, 2009.

**The Alliance partnered with IJIS on an application to BJA for the Methamphetamine Precursor Chemical Diversion Training and Technical Assistance Program.** The Program will support states in their efforts to set up methamphetamine precursor tracking systems and to encourage and support planning for interconnectivity between state systems. The resulting provider will provide planning and implementation guidance to implement tracking systems that will result in increased support of law enforcement efforts to fight methamphetamine production and reduce related crime.

**The Alliance Annual meeting will be held this year in San Diego in conjunction with the NASCSA Conference.** The meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This year attendees will be asked to register. We will be sending out more information in the coming months.

**Chris Baumgartner, ASPMP Program Coordinator, presented at an Oregon Senate Hearing.** The Hearing was held to discuss the pending Oregon PDMP authorizing legislation. The presentation Chris Baumgartner provided included an overview of PDMP information technology. Four IT models were included in the presentation. Copies of the presentation may be obtained by e-mailing the Alliance at [assist@pmpalliance.org](mailto:assist@pmpalliance.org)

**The Alliance was asked by ONDCP to make a presentation at the National Methamphetamine Pharmaceutical Initiative Conference.** The conference brought together around 400 law enforcement officials from around the nation. This organization was previously named the National Methamphetamine and Chemicals Initiative. The agenda was expanded this year by adding many presentations regarding prescription controlled substances diversion and law enforcement's role in addressing such diversion, including increased use of PDMP data.

John Eadie gave a presentation to the conference attendees on behalf of the Alliance.

**On May 7, 2009, R. Gil Kerlikowske was sworn in as the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).** As the Nation's "Drug Czar," Mr. Kerlikowske coordinates all aspects of Federal drug control programs and implementation of the President's National Drug Control Strategy. During the National Methamphetamine Pharmaceutical Initiative Conference, Director Gil Kerlikowske addressed the group and stated that ONDCP is making abuse and diversion of pharmaceutical drugs one of the nations' highest priorities.

**BJA provides support to the IJIS Institute to assist states in PDMP security assessments.** IJIS can assist states in security audits and make recommendations for security improvements. IJIS can also analyze local laws and regulations to ensure that technology is being leveraged to maximize protection of sensitive information. To request technical assistance from IJIS, please contact Chris Baumgartner at (360) 556-7152 or [assist@pmpalliance.org](mailto:assist@pmpalliance.org). All requests for technical assistance on this issue will remain confidential.

## Feedback from the Regional Meetings

Participants at each Regional Meeting were asked to complete a survey regarding the quality of the meeting.

The survey asked questions regarding their satisfaction with the meeting, the training and technical assistance center, regional and emerging issues. 100% of the attendees agreed that they were overall, satisfied with the meeting experience provided.

Participants were also asked what they found to be most useful at the meeting, if there were topics not covered that they feel should be addressed, and if they have any additional feedback for future meetings.

Positive feedback included:

"The open discussions regarding each states issues. Have been able to obtain some very good ideas to take home and hopefully implement."

"I was able to meet individuals from and learn more about PMPs in my region that I was previously unacquainted with."

Each regional committee selected local issues to discuss with their fellow PDMPs in the area. Some key issues that were discussed included: data accuracy and verification, giving access to the PDMP via the internet to pharmacists, securing funding for sustaining the programs, pop up pain

clinics, obtaining data from Indian Health Services and the Veterans Administration, and allowing out of state practitioners access to the PDMP.

The regional meetings also enjoyed the participation from several states who currently do not have enacted legislation or do not yet have their program operational. This allowed each region to give important support and information to these states as well as share the successes they have had along the road.

A detailed survey report will be posted on our website. We encourage any additional feedback to continue to improve our services to the field.

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## Alliance/Brandeis Providing Assistance

The Alliance/Brandeis Training and Technical Assistance Team continue to provide assistance to members and affiliated organizations.

If you are looking for information, training, or assistance, feel free to contact us. We will provide you with the information you need and

even contact other states to provide nationwide information.

We can help with: evaluation, costs, laws, regulations, vendors, advisory groups, education, and more.



Alliance 2009 Contact List is posted at:  
<http://www.nascsa.org/monitoring.htm>



## ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER...

We hope you are enjoying our bi-monthly newsletter. Our intent is to provide our members and federal partners with the news and information important to PDMPs.

We very much want to hear from you and any suggestions you may have about information or reports you would like to see in the newsletter.

Our next newsletter will spotlight another existing or newly implemented PDMP. We will also have more

information on our Annual Meeting to be held in San Diego in October, 2009.

Again, if your PDMP is doing something new or different, please let us know and we will include it in future issues.

The newsletter is a great place to share information and news about PDMPs and the people involved in their operations. Keep the Alliance community informed by submitting information to us.

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